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NAIROBI FOR ROBERT S. BARRETT AT ECONOMIC POLICY SEMINAR

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1. SUMMARY: FIFTH CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN PROGRESSIVE PARTIES
CLOSED LATE EVENING MAY 19. FINAL RESOLUTION NOT YET AVAILABLE
MAY 22. PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA OUT OF CAPITAL DURING ENTIRE CONFERENCE.
END SUMMARY.

2. THE FIFTH CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN PROGRESSIVE PARTIES, WHICH
BEGAN MAY 17, CLOSED LATE ON THE EVENING OF MAY 19. THE FINAL
SESSION ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 1800 DID NOT ACTUALLY
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START UNTIL 2120, REPORTEDLY TO ALLOW THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS
TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE PROPOSED FINAL RESOLUTIONS. THE CONFERENCE
WAS OFFICIALLY DECLARED CLOSED AT 2250.

3. LONG, EIGHT SECTION, FINAL GENERAL DECLARATION PUBLISHED
MAY 20 CONTAINS LITTLE NEW. IN SECTION 3 ON IMPERIALISM, IT STATES
THAT UNDER THE DOMINATION OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, THE FORMER

COLONIAL POWERS, EXPANSIONIST POWERS (SOUTH AFRICA, IRAN, ISRAEL, AND CERTAIN REACTIONARY ARAB REGIMES), AND THOSE SEEKING RAW MATERIALS (JAPAN, FRG) USE FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, MILITARY, AND CULTURAL MEANS TO SAFEGUARD THEIR POSITIONS.

4. FINAL RESOLUTIONS, NOT YET AVAILABLE MORNING MAY 22, REPORTEDLY INCLUDE THOSE ON ZAIRE, COMORO ISLANDS, WESTERN SAHARA, THE THE SEYCHELLES.

5. DURING ENTIRE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA ABSENTED HIMSELF FROM ANTANANARIVO ON A TOUR OF MAJUNGA AND OTHER AREAS IN NORTH-WESTERN MADAGASCAR.

6. COMMENT: DELAY IN PUBLISHING FINAL RESOLUTIONS MAY BE DUE SIMPLY TO INEFFICIENCY RATHER THAN ANY DIFFICULTY MADAGASCAR AUTHORITIES MIGHT HAVE WITH CONTENTS OF RESOLUTIONS. PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S ABSENCE FROM CONFERENCE CAN BE NO ACCIDENT. FOR WHATEVER REASON, HE APPARENTLY HAS SEEN FIT TO DISASSOCIATE HIMSELF FROM THE CONFERENCE, PERHAPS IN ORDER NOT TO ANTAGONIZE LESS RADICAL MEMBERS OF OAU AND OPEC, OR BECAUSE, UNSURE WHAT THE RESULTS WOULD BE, HE DECIDED TO TAKE THE SAFE COURSE OF NOT PARTICIPATING.
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